

## CAN Second Annual Neighborhood Congress

### Conference Schedule:

9 to 10 a.m. Coffee & Registration: Neighborhood and City Services displays

10 to 10:05 a.m. Welcome - Joe Minicozzi

10:05 to 10:45 a.m. State of the Neighborhood - Mayor Bellamy

10:45 to 11:00 a.m. Context for the Day "Moving Toward the Ideal Neighborhood" Joe Minicozzi

11:00 to 11:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions\*

### How to Create the Ideal Neighborhood Breakout Session Topics\*:

(11:00 to 11:45)

- Creating and preserving affordable housing in our neighborhoods - This will be an introduction to what we mean by affordable housing and why affordable housing is important for your neighborhood. - Charlotte Caplan, City of Asheville
- Creating "human scale" neighborhoods - Using the Urban Village concept as a model for creating "human scale" neighborhoods. - Joe Minicozzi, president, Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods
- Supporting ethnic diversity in our neighborhoods - Overview of how diversity enriches a neighborhood. - Bob Smith
- Relating UDO to neighborhoods - An introduction to the Unified Development Ordinance and how it affects the neighborhood. - Shannon Tuch
- Creating intentional neighborhoods for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of life - Explore how neighborhoods can support "aging in place," a place where you can be self-sufficient for as long as possible and avoid what some say is the worst part of aging, loneliness. - Marianne Kilkenny

11:45 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch: Speaker: Jeff Fobes, publisher and editor, Mountain Express

12:45 to 1:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions

### Tools for better neighborhoods Breakout Session Topics\*\*:

(12:45 to 1:30 p.m.)

- Traffic calming and street safety in neighborhoods - Traffic Department - Ken Putnam and CAN member Robert Zieber
- Connecting neighborhood's with government resources - presenter to be determined
- Forming a neighborhood association - How to form a neighborhood association, be recognized by the city government, build a sense of community with your neighbors and become a part of the Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods. - Bill Bailey and Barb Verni-Lau
- Keeping drugs out of our Neighborhood - Asheville Police Department representative, Shad Waters, Shiloh Neighborhood and Teresa McPherson, Burton Neighborhood.

1:30 to 1:45 p.m. Break

1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Breakout Session III\*\*\*

### Creating our future Neighborhoods Breakout Session Topics\*\*\*:

(1:45 to 2:30 p.m.)

- State/local government bond issues.- An overview/intro to bonds prior to discussion on how they affect our neighborhoods. - Tony McDowell, City of Asheville Budget Department
- Historical Preservation in your neighborhood- How to recognize and preserve the best buildings in our neighborhoods. This workshop will provide an overview of the historic preservation program in Asheville and Buncombe County. Will also discuss the differences between local and national designation and the criteria and process for the designation of districts and landmarks. - Harry Weiss, Public Interest Project and Stacy Merten, director, Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County
- I-26 connector working with DOT - A presentation highlighting some of the innovative options currently being explored by the Aesthetics Advisory Committee for the I-26 connector project. Discussion following will center on creative possibilities presented by large-scale projects passing through communities. - Leslie Fay and Alice Oglesby
- Regional issues that effect our Neighborhoods - How do neighborhoods get involved in solutions? An explanation of how local policy is impacted by vested interests; how citizens can bring attention to issues that affect their quality of life; how community groups can be most effective; and where citizen activism is most needed in local government. - Heather Rayburn, CAN board member and founding member of Mountain Voices Alliance and Barber Melton, vice chairman, CAN Board
- Climate change and your neighborhood - How can you reduce your impact at home? - Rachel Della Valla, outreach coordinator, Western North Carolina Green Building Council and Peter Harrison

2:30 -3:00 p.m. Door prize drawing and a presentation of proposals from creating our future neighborhoods workshops.